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**HERSETH SANDLIN ANNOUNCES \$25M RECOVERY GRANT FOR ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE TO CONSTRUCT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

**Washington, DC {September 21, 2009}-** Today, Rep. Herseth Sandlin announced that the Rosebud Sioux Tribe is the recipient of a \$25,000,000 grant to construct an adult correctional facility with enhanced capacity that supports the cultural traditions of rehabilitation of the incarcerated. The funding announced today was authorized as part of the Recovery Act Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program.

"Improving law enforcement in Indian Country is one of my top priorities in Congress," Rep. Herseth Sandlin said. "Part of this effort is constructing correctional facilities that are safer and more secure for inmates and staff. This funding will strengthen the efforts of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe to improve its tribal justice system and keep communities in Indian Country safe."

The tribe's current 66 bed adult facility is nearly 30 years old, deteriorating, lacks a custody and classification system, and is unsafe for both inmates and staff. The new facility proposes to contain dedicated housing for inmates requiring separation for medical related issues (infectious diseases) and special management, and will enable the administration of rehabilitative programs. The newly constructed facility will provide rehabilitative programs and services such as education, counseling, alcohol prevention, cultural preservation programs, value based cultural teachings, suicide prevention, and faith-based programming.

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